

*Those Who Have Passed Away:*

President George Albert Smith, President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mary L. Morgan, widow of John Morgan, former member of the First Council of the Seventy.

STATISTICAL REPORT—1950

Number of Stakes of Zion, December 31, 1950.....	180
Number of Wards .....	1,396
Number of Independent Branches.....	145
Total Wards and Independent Branches.....	1,541
Number of Missions.....	43

*Church Membership:*

Stakes .....	898,478
Missions .....	212,836
Total Membership .....	1,111,314

*Church Growth:*

Children blessed in Stakes and Missions .....	37,444
Children baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	22,808
Converts baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	14,700

*Social Statistics:*

Birth rate per thousand .....	37.34
Marriage rate per thousand .....	9.46
Death rate per thousand .....	5.95

*Missionaries:*

Number of missionaries in the missions of the Church .....	5,313
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes....	4,527
Total missionaries—December 31, 1950.....	9,840
Number of missionaries who received training in the mission home in 1950.....	3,014

The congregational singing of the conference was directed by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall, Conductor, and Richard P. Condie, Assistant Conductor of the Tabernacle Choir.

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir was in attendance at the Sunday sessions and presented choral numbers at those meetings. J. Spencer Cornwall, Conductor, directed the singing of the Choir.

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The Brigham Young University combined choruses furnished musical numbers at the Friday morning and afternoon sessions. The singing of the combined choruses was conducted by Elders Newell Weight, Crawford Gates, and Clawson Cannon.

The Delta Phi (Returned Missionaries) chorus from the Brigham Young University, Elder Ardean Watts, conductor, furnished musical numbers for the General Priesthood meeting Saturday evening.

The singing Monday morning, at the Solemn Assembly, was entirely by the congregation, with J. Spencer Cornwall conducting.

The music and singing of the *Tabernacle Choir and organ broadcast* Sunday morning, from 9:00 to 9:30, as also that of the *Church of the Air* broadcast, from 8:30 to 9:00, was directed by J. Spencer Cornwall, Frank W. Asper was at the organ, and "The Spoken Word" was by Richard L. Evans.

Accompaniments and interludes on the great organ were played by Alexander Schreiner, Frank W. Asper, and Roy M. Darley.

Stenographic notes of the conference were taken by Frank W. Otterstrom and Joseph Anderson.

Joseph Anderson, Clerk of the Conference.

### President David O. McKay

You brethren and sisters who are here will understand that I am repeating these announcements for the benefit of the thousands who are listening over the radio.

Elder J. Reuben Clark, Jr., of the Council of the Twelve, will now present the financial statement for the Church for the year 1950 and a summarized report of the Welfare Program of the Church.

### THE ANNUAL CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1950

Elder J. Reuben Clark, Jr. read the following report:

We will now give a summary of the Church financial report for the year 1950. The report itself will be published in full in the *Deseret News*.

The report is in the usual form. The material is given under the usual headings of expenditures heretofore used in such reports, and data are shown under the captions: Original Budget, Additions to Budget, Budget Funds Spent, and Budget Funds Not Spent.

A word may be said about the "Additions to Budget." It will be observed that in certain cases, where additions to the budget were made, more budget funds remain unspent than the amount of additions made to the budget in such cases. That is, the original budget for the general group was more without additions than the budget amounts spent for that general group, leaving an unspent balance of the original budget.

This comes about from the following situation. It is a principle of Church expenditures that allocations of Church funds may not be shifted from one item to another. The original allocation must stand and any deficiency of funds as to any item must be covered by an additional allocation and not by a shifting of funds to that account from an allocation made to some other item of expenditure. It not infrequently happens that where one particular class or general category of expenditure covers several accounts, one account may be exhausted and another account have a surplus. In such cases, an additional allocation of funds is made to the exhausted account, instead of transferring funds from some other account to the exhausted account. To meet such situations there was provided in the budget a so-called "Unallocated Reserve for Contingencies," from which these additional allocations to specific accounts could be made and to which, where needed, additional funds could be allocated.

The additional funds shown in the report are the net additions made as to the particular groups of expenditure affected.

The figures given will cover amounts disbursed from the Church general funds unless otherwise stated. Other figures will be added later in the report and so identified.

The original budget, plus additions, for the year 1950, came to \$23,105,358. The expenditures from this fund came to \$19,949,599, which was \$224,034 more than was spent in 1949. The unexpended balance of the budget for 1950 was \$3,155,759, but a million and a half of this amount is the sum regularly allocated to the schools as their budget for the first half of the calendar year 1951.

Taking the individual expenditure groups,—the following appears:

The administrative expenses of the office of the Corporation of the President came to \$449,205 in 1950 against \$380,935 for 1949, an increase for 1950 of \$68,270. The expenditures of the Presiding Bishop's office for 1950 was \$458,364.

These budgets of the two offices,—the office of the Corporation of the President and the office of the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop, to which may be added some \$45,305 for miscellaneous administrative expenses,—are more than covered by the non-tithing income of the Church.

The amounts paid to the stakes and wards in 1950 came to \$7,431,223, as compared with \$7,529,460 for 1949,—or \$98,237 less in 1950 than in 1949. There were 1541 wards and 180 stakes at the close of 1950, and 1,172 stake, ward, and branch buildings to be maintained. During the year, 259 buildings were under construction in the stakes and wards, and 8 buildings were purchased for use as meeting houses, of which number 50 were dedicated.

For the maintenance and operation of the missions of the Church, including return fares of missionaries, free literature, radio and publicity expense, and the building program of the various mis-

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sions, \$3,822,189 was spent in 1950, against \$4,212,138, for 1949, a decrease for 1950 over 1949 of \$389,949. During the year, 113 buildings were under construction in the missions, and 34 other buildings were purchased for meeting places, and missionary headquarters. Of these 147 buildings, some 60 were dedicated.

For the operating expenses of the 8 temples of the Church, including repairs, construction work, and maintenance, \$696,862 was spent in 1950 and \$589,331 in 1949, or an increase in 1950 of \$107,531.

From the Church general funds there was expended for Church Welfare in 1950, \$1,608,454 and in 1949, \$1,714,280,—a decrease for 1950 of \$105,826.

For general buildings and grounds at Church headquarters, including the Tabernacle and Assembly Hall, the buildings on Temple Block and on the block on which is located the Administration Building, including \$635,834 granted to hospitals for new construction and improvements, \$1,184,160 was expended for 1950 against \$702,219 for 1949, an increase for 1950 of \$481,941.

For schools and educational activities, including the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Stake Schools, 17 institutes and 139 seminaries, the McCune School of Music, the Blanding Indian School, including the salaries of administrative officers and teachers, as well as funds for the erection and repair of buildings, and for purchase of building sites, there was expended during the calendar year 1950, \$3,272,403 from Church general funds. To this figure should be added for 1950, expenditures of \$2,432,820 of funds collected by the schools for tuition and other services, or a total of \$5,705,223 spent for Church education, as against \$3,086,136 for the calendar year 1949. There were enrolled in the Brigham Young University, the Ricks College, the L.D.S. Business College, and the Juarez Stake Academy, for the school year 1949-1950, some 11,437 students; 31,488 others received religious training and activity in the institutes and seminaries.

For the Genealogical Society there was expended the amount of \$743,145 in 1950, as compared with \$750,505 in 1949, a decrease of \$7,360 for 1950. Included in these expenditures, in addition to sums for research and record-keeping work, are sums spent for microfilm records in 6 of our States and in 10 foreign countries, the total microfilm record so obtained having an equivalency of 57,705 volumes of approximately 385 pages per volume.

Other items of expense from the general Church funds will be found in the printed report, but call for no special comment here.

But in addition to the foregoing expenditures from the tithes and other income, there has come from the people on various accounts and been spent for Church purposes, buildings, and building maintenance, maintenance of missions, welfare, auxiliaries, hospitalization, and educational purposes (already noted), a little more

than three fourths as much as spent from the general Church funds, or the sum of \$15,130,536. This is \$930,141 more than was similarly expended in 1949.

The total expenditure of both kinds for 1950 was \$35,080,135. To this could properly be added, as coming from the people, some \$3,000,000 which went from parents and others to maintain the missionary force in the field. For 1949, the total expenditure was \$33,925,960, or an increase for 1950 of \$1,154,175.

The total number of people (wards and stakes and missions) paying fast offerings and welfare contributions in 1950, is given as 215,052. The total amount of fast offerings and welfare contributions was \$2,581,003, in 1950, and \$2,153,434 in 1949, an increase of \$427,569 for 1950. The increase came from both wards and stakes and the missions.

The total cash expenditures for the Welfare Program for the year 1950, was \$3,399,951, all of which is included in the above grand total of the budget and other cash expenditures.

From 1938 to the end of 1950 more than 2,721 families have been helped to become self-supporting, and 17,829 families have been assisted in other ways. During this same period the Deseret Industries has provided continuous work for hundreds of handicapped and aged persons. During the year 1950 they had an average of 235 persons working in their plants. The Deseret Clothing Factory, another branch of the Welfare Plan, has provided continuous employment for from 30 to 60 individuals, many of whom were widows and elderly persons.

During the year 1950, 90,800 man days of work were donated in the production of the budget and 10,500 man days of work were donated in the construction of Bishops' storehouses and other buildings for the operation of Welfare Plan. In addition to these, 94 construction and remodeling projects were completed by the brethren for the benefit of less fortunate members.

Obedient to the command of the Lord that men should be self-supporting, looking to the Church for necessary help, 3,509 persons have, during the past eight years relinquished their position on government relief rolls. Of this number, 1,600 have been rehabilitated and are receiving no aid from the Church nor, so far as known, from any other gratuitous source; 1,221 are yet receiving part of their support from the Church; and 688 are receiving all their needs from the Church.

During 1950, 4,747 persons were given occupational counseling resulting in the solution of their employment problems, and 5,712 other persons were placed in remunerative employment. Reported unemployment has decreased 29% during the year.

Our expenditures are heavy, our activities are many, some of them of considerable size, but we are striving to expend Church funds with care, without waste, and so far as possible with the least amount of extravagance.

# THE ANNUAL CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1950 Elder J. Reuben Clark, Jr. read the following Financial Report:

## PART I—BUDGET EXPENDITURES FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS 1950

Original budget, plus additions during the year.....\$23,105,358  
Spent from Church General Funds.....19,949,599  
Funds budgeted but not spent.....3,155,759

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

Office of the Corporation of the President

For salaries of employees; expenses of offices; equipment and living allowances and traveling expenses of the General Authorities.....

Office of the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop

For salaries of employees; expenses of offices; equipment; traveling expenses of the Presiding Bishopric, Building Department, auditors, etc.; and Aaronic Priesthood supervision.....

### Miscellaneous Committees

For expenses of General Priesthood, Servicemen's, Music, No-Liquor-Tobacco, and Statistics Committees; and salaries of the Tabernacle choristers and organists.....

Total administrative expenses, all of which are covered by non-tithing income.....

### Stakes and Wards

For expenses of 180 stakes and 1,541 wards and independent branches, including the maintenance of 1,172 stake, ward and branch buildings; expenses and mileage allowances of stake presidents and bishops; furnishings for stake and ward offices; erection, remodeling and repairing of stake and ward buildings. (During the year, 259 buildings were under construction in the stakes, and 8 buildings were purchased, for use as meeting houses. Of these 267 buildings, 51 were dedicated in 1950.).....

	Original Budget	Additions To Budget	Budget Funds Spent	Budget Funds Not Spent
	\$ 423,700	\$ 33,565	\$ 449,205	\$ 8,060
	463,975	21,573	458,364	27,184
	52,980	1,745	45,305	9,420
	940,655	56,883	952,874	44,664
	8,063,575	67,673	7,431,223	700,025

## Missions and Missionary Work

For maintenance and operation of the established missions of the Church; living and traveling expenses of mission presidents; return fares of missionaries; free literature, radio and publicity expense; erection, remodeling, purchase, maintenance and renting of buildings; and expenses of the Bureau of Information and Mission Home in Salt Lake City. (During the year, 113 buildings were under construction in the missions, and 34 other structures were purchased for use as meeting places and missionary headquarters. Of these 147 buildings, approximately 60 were dedicated in 1950.)

589,370

3,822,189

109,996

4,301,563

## Temples

For operating expenses of the 8 temples of the Church; for construction work, repairs and maintenance of temple buildings, outbuildings, and grounds.

11,730

696,862

136,477

572,115

## Church Welfare

For the purchase of equipment, commodities and containers; for operating expenses of bishop's storehouses, and for the transportation of commodities; for the purchase, construction and remodeling of bishops' storehouses and other general welfare properties; for General Church Welfare Committee administrative expenses; for the care of the needy, consisting of rents, light, fuel, hospitalization, burials, etc.

146,176

1,608,454

47,786

1,706,844

## General Buildings and Grounds

For maintenance of and repairs and improvements to general Church buildings including the Church Administration building, Tabernacle, and Assembly Hall, and grounds, and of buildings situated immediately adjacent to the Temple Block and \$635,834 allowed to hospitals for new construction and improvements

80,594

1,184,160

372,804

891,950

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1,527,517  
(Unexpended  
balance of  
1950-1951  
school budget  
covering first 6  
months of 1951.)

3,272,403  
(Expenditures  
are on  
calendar year  
basis.)

329,759

4,470,161  
(Includes Funds  
Budgeted for the  
18 month period  
from Jan. 1, 1950,  
to June 30, 1951.)

13,762

14,825

4,940

23,647

8,574

743,145

9,540

742,179

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33,347

223,464

133,861

122,950

\$3,155,759

\$19,949,599

\$1,269,719

\$21,835,639

### Schools and Educational Activities

For operating expenses of the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Stake Schools, 17 institutes and 139 seminaries, McCune School of Music and Art, Deseret Gymnasium, and the Blanding Indian School, including the salaries of administrative officers and teachers; for the erection, and repair of buildings; and for purchase of building sites .....

### Historic Properties and Monuments

For the maintenance and repair of property at South Royalton, Vermont; Palmyra, New York; and Carthage, Illinois, and of memorial cemeteries; and for erection of monuments.....

### Genealogical Society

For the maintenance of the genealogical library, archives, temple index bureau, and allied departments; for recording, indexing, photographing and filing genealogical and temple ordinance data, including the names of 513,139 persons forwarded to the temples for ordinances; and for microfilm copies of genealogical records from 6 states and 10 foreign countries, equivalent to 57,705 printed volumes of approximately 385 pages per volume .....

### Other Expenses

For taxes and assessments; insurance; contributions to civic and educational institutions; for expenses of the Papago Indian Project; for restoration of the Church Insurance Fund; and for other purposes .....

TOTAL OF PART I (Church General Funds) .....



## Part II—EXPENDITURES OTHER THAN FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS 1950

The expenditures budgeted from Church General Funds and paid principally from the tithes are detailed above. The following expenditures were made from further contributions by members of the Church:

Paid for stake, ward, and mission building purposes.....	\$ 6,116,856
Expended for stake, ward, and mission maintenance purposes; expenses of auxiliary organizations and for recreation.....	3,553,192
Expended from ward and mission fast offerings .....	953,484
Expended from welfare contributions .....	1,445,906
Assistance rendered missionaries.....	297,690
Expended from dues of general boards; children's contributions to the Primary Hospital, and donations to temples .....	283,007
Expended by educational institutions in addition to amount listed under budget expenditures, from funds derived from tuitions and other sources .....	2,432,820
Expended by the hospitals for the care of the sick, in addition to the amount paid from the tithes and included in Part I .....	47,581
Total of Part II (Expended other than from tithes and other general funds of the Church) .....	15,130,536
Total Budget cash expenditures from Church general funds, brought forward from above. (Part I) .....	19,949,599
Total Cash Expenditures of the Church for the year 1950....	<u>\$35,080,135</u>

## Part III—THE CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM—1950

## FAST OFFERING DATA

Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In the wards .....	180,848
In the missions .....	34,204
Total .....	<u>215,052</u>

Amount of voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In the wards	
Fast offerings .....	\$ 991,419
Welfare contributions .....	1,465,410
In the missions	
Fast offerings .....	\$ 124,174
Total Fast Offerings and Welfare Contributions.....	<u>\$2,581,003</u>

Percent of Church membership who paid fast offerings .....	20.3%
Average fast offerings per capita in wards .....	\$1.17
Average fast offerings per capita in missions .....	.58
Average fast offerings per capita in wards and missions .....	1.06
Average fast offerings and welfare contributions per capita in wards .....	2.91

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**WELFARE PROGRAM CASH EXPENDITURES, ALL INCLUDED IN FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE BUT SEGREGATED HERE**

Expended from ward and mission fast offerings and welfare contributions for the care of the needy consisting of food, clothing, rents, light, heat, hospitalization, burials, etc., and for the purchase of commodities for storehouses .....	\$2,399,390
Disbursed by the General Church Welfare Committee for the operating costs of storehouses and for the overhead expenses of the General Committee .....	376,505
Disbursed by the Corporations of the President and Presiding Bishop for direct assistance and for contributions to civic and educational institutions .....	576,475
Expended by the hospitals for the care of the sick .....	47,581
Total Relief Cash Expenditures for the year 1950, all included in above grand total of budget and other cash expenditures .....	<u>\$3,399,951</u>

**Welfare Report**

The General Church Welfare Committee makes the following further report, indicating the production and distribution of bishops' storehouse commodities during the year 1950:

**Production and Distribution of Commodities for Bishops' Storehouses**

Production during the year 1950 was 5% lower than in 1949. The decrease was caused by the loss of the fruit crop. Storehouse commodities distributed increased 7% over 1949.

**Assistance Rendered**

There have been from 17,913 to 55,460 persons assisted through the Bishops' Storehouse Program each year since 1938. In 1950 there were 39,537 persons so assisted in the United States and Canada. This is an increase over 1949 of 1,257 persons.

From 1938 to the end of 1950 more than 2,721 families have been helped to become self-supporting and 17,829 families have been assisted in other ways. During this same period the Deseret Industries has provided continuous work for hundreds of handicapped and aged persons. During the year 1950 they had an average of 235 persons working in their plants. The Deseret Clothing Factory another branch of the Welfare Plan, has provided continuous employment for from 30 to 60 individuals, many of whom were widows and elderly persons.

**Contributed Work and Construction Projects**

During the year 1950, 90,800 man days of work were donated in the production of the budget and 10,500 man days of work were donated in the construction of Bishops' Storehouses and other buildings for the operation of the Welfare Plan. In addition to these, 94 construction and remodeling projects were completed by the brethren for the benefit of less fortunate members.

**Persons Relinquishing Government Relief**

Obedient to the command of the Lord that men should be self-supporting, looking to the Church for necessary help, 3,509 persons have, during the past eight years relinquished their position on government relief rolls. Of this number 1,600 have been rehabilitated and are receiving no aid from the Church nor, so far as known, from any other gratuitous source; 1,221 are yet receiving part of their support from the Church; and 688 are receiving all their needs from the Church.

**Placement and Counseling Service**

During 1950, 4,747 persons were given occupational counseling resulting in the solution of their employment problems, and 5,712 other persons were placed in remunerative employment. Reported unemployment has decreased 29% during the year.

**President David O. McKay**

Elder Orval W. Adams, Chairman of the Church Auditing Committee, will now read the report of the Church Auditors, after whom Elder Marion G. Romney, of the Assistants to the Twelve, will speak to us.

**REPORT OF CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Elder Orval W. Adams read the following report:

President David O. McKay and Council of the Twelve  
47 East South Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Brethren:

The Church Auditing Committee has reviewed the annual financial report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year ending December 31, 1950.

The accounting system and records were found to be adequate, and are meticulously maintained. Disbursement of Church funds is controlled through a comprehensive budget system, which properly safeguards expenditures. The funds are being carefully conserved.

The Church is in strong financial position and free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Orval W. Adams  
Albert E. Bowen  
George S. Spencer  
Harold H. Bennett

*Church Auditing Committee*

**ELDER MARION G. ROMNEY**

*Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

If I can enjoy the Spirit of the Lord, for which I earnestly pray, I desire to give you a message of hope and courage. I am prompted to this desire by the fact that in my recent travels among the people, I have sensed a growing spirit of uneasiness and foreboding.

**SPIRIT OF UNEASINESS**

Following a welfare meeting held a few months ago on the Pacific Coast, in which we had counseled the people to obtain permanent welfare production projects that they might produce the necessities to carry on our welfare work without calling upon the Saints year after year for cash contributions, a sister told me she was comforted by our advice, that she felt it would not have been